CONFERENCE OF
HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

1917-1924

Conference of Historical Societies.

The fifteenth annual conference of historical societies will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, December 29th at 10 A.M. at the Hollenden Hotel in connection with the meetings of the American Historical Association. The conference will be a joint one with the National Association of State War Historical organizations to discuss the general after-the-war questions.

On the subject of "The care and preservation of war material" which touches every historical society in the country to some degree, the discussion will be led by Mr. Frank H. Severance of the Buffalo Historical Society, Mr. Burd S. Patterson of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, and Mr. Wallace H. Cathcart of the Western Reserve Historical Society. Poster collections will be discussed by Mr. Frank Gregg of Cleveland.

The subject of "Publication of war material" affects mainly large societies and specially created commissions. The discussions will be led by Professor B.F. Shambaugh of the State Historical Society of Iowa, Honorable Arthur Kyle Davis, of the Virginia Commission, Professor Albert H. McKinley of the Pennsylvania Commission, and Dr. James Sullivan, New York State Historian.

The conference two years ago outlined a plan for a handbook and subscriptions were received and promises of further subscriptions made. Then we went in to the war and no further subscriptions were received, no further attempts made, and the cost of printing went up. The best arrangement possible was to place all the available material in the American Historical Association Report for 1917. This report is to appear shortly and will give the best and most complete list of historical societies published in recent years.

The secretary has been in active correspondence with many societies in the past two years and hopes to continue the work of the conference and to give further announcements from time to time

A.H. SHEARER, SECRETARY.

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Fourteenth Annual Conference of Historical Societies.

This additional notice is sent out to remind societies of the Conference at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, December 29, 1917, Thomas Lynch Montgomery presiding.

Business session and organization of Conference at 10 A. M. The Council of the American Historical Association has left it to the Conference how it shall organize itself. Dr. B. F. Shambaugh of Iowa, will report from the Committee on Officers and Committees; Dr. S. J. Buck of Minnesota on Financial Contributions and Voting Powers; Mr. Frank H. Severance of Buffalo on Nominations.

Papers at 10.45. 1. "Relations of hereditary patriotic societies and historical societies with especial reference to publication." Judge Barratt. Discussion by Prof. Wm. Libbey, Dr. W. C. Ford, Dr. J. W. Jordan, Gov. B. L. Prince and others who desire to speak.

2. "Collection of local war material by historical societies." This refers to the local and ephemeral, not archival material. Discussion by Dr. Buck, Minn., R. D. W. Connor, N. C., Dr. Fuller, Mich., Prof. Lindley, Ind. and by representatives of societies who can contribute from their own experiences.

It has been decided to ask for no contributions for 1917, but Dr. Buck's committee will work out details of a plan for 1918, and contributions already made will apply to next year. Some of the questions are, should societies or agencies with merely nominal memberships contribute at the same rate as those with all active members? Should societies already contributing to a state federation contribute again? Should each contributing society have the same vote, despite differing amounts of contribution?

The whole plan of financial support is voluntary, indicating a desire to keep up the Conference and go on to larger activities, and giving evidence of a community of interest between the five hundred historical societies and agencies of the country. There has been a gratifying interest shown and it is hoped that at least 50 or 60 public-spirited and far-sighted societies will respond financially at the beginning, for the furtherance of general interests of historical societies. Any suggestion on finance should be sent to Dr. S. J. Buck, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Questionnaires. On November 30th, 120 answers had been received, 30 more than ever before. The prospects for a Handbook are promising. If your response has not been received it is underlined here—not received. Please send to the Secretary

AUGUSTUS H. SHEARER,
Librarian, Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, N. Y.

December 13th, 1917.

Augustus H. Shearer, Esq., Librarian,
Grosvenor Library,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Shearer:-

In response to your circular I beg to advise that this Society has appointed as its delegate to the Conference of the Historical Societies in Philadelphia on December 29th Mr. John Reilly, Jr.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

CONFERENCE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES
AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

GEORGE S. GODARD, CHAIRMAN
CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

JOHN C. PARISH, SECRETARY
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

August 30, 1921

The present notice is being sent out to societies which have not yet remitted dues for the current year 1921. Section 4 of the constitution of the Conference reads as follows:

> "That the conference be supported by an annual assessment upon each society that becomes a member of it; such assessments to be upon the basis of 1 cent for each member of such societies, but no society to be assessed more than $10 nor less than 25 cents. Commissions, state departments, surveys, etc., not organized as societies, to pay an annual fee of $5."

Please make checks payable to the "Conference of Historical Societies."

The proceedings of the 1920 meeting are being printed separately this year and will be mailed to the member societies as soon as they are off the press.

John C. Parish
Secretary of the Conference
Iowa City, Iowa

CONFERENCE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Victor H. Paltsits, Chairman
New York Public Library
New York City.

John C. Parish, Secretary
943 North Normandie Ave.
Los Angeles, California.

The Conference of Historical Societies will meet for its eighteenth annual session in New Haven, Connecticut, on Friday afternoon, December 29th, in connection with and as a part of the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. Your Society is cordially invited to be represented by delegates. ~~A copy of the preliminary program of the meetings, including the Conference session, is enclosed.~~

In connection with the publication of a Handbook of American Historical Societies, the Committee is endeavoring to reach every society and get data for the Handbook through the assistance of one individual from each State. The enclosed questionnaire is sent to you to make sure that no society will be overlooked. If you have not filled out a similar questionnaire on the request of an individual from your own State, please fill this out and return it to the Secretary of the Conference.

At its meeting in December, 1921, the Conference voted to change the basis of support to an assessment of One Dollar per Society, and instructed the Secretary to send Proceedings and other publications only to societies remitting these dues. The Proceedings for 1921 have been published and sent out with this notice. The Secretary will be glad, upon receipt of dues from those societies who have overlooked such payment, to forward copies of the Proceedings.

The Secretary is anxious to verify the mailing list. If this notice is incorrectly addressed, please write upon this sheet the name and address of the individual to whom mail should be sent, and return to the Secretary.

JOHN C. PARISH

Secretary of the Conference.

Form filled out & returned 12/29/22

Conference of Historical Societies

Victor H. Paltsits, Chairman
New York Public Library
New York City

Joseph Schafer, Secretary
State Historical Library
Madison, Wisconsin

The 19th Annual Conference of Historical Societies will meet in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday morning, December 29, 1923, as a feature of the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. All member societies are urged to be represented by delegates and if the Society receiving this notice is not a member of the Conference it can become a member by mailing check for the annual dues, $1.00, to the secretary.

This you are invited to do without delay, and to receive in return the printed proceedings of the eighteenth conference which it is hoped will be ready for distribution prior to the Columbus meeting. The printing will be done so soon as the state of our treasury shall warrant us in contracting the necesssary expense.

Important business will come before the 19th Conference. One item will be the question of publishing the Handbook of American Historical Societies, another the publication of a continuation of the Griffin Bibliography of American Historical Societies.

A program of papers and discussions is in course of preparation and for this program the secretary earnestly invites suggestions to the end that the Conference may prove of maximum interest and profit to the member societies.

Write your suggestions and mail with the annual dues to the Secretary, Joseph Schafer.

CONFERENCE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

A. E. SHELDON, CHAIRMAN
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JOSEPH SCHAFER, SECRETARY
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MADISON, WISCONSIN

September 10, 1924

To Members of the Conference:

The twentieth annual Conference of Historical Societies will meet in Richmond, Virginia, Saturday morning, December 29, 1924, as a feature of the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. All member societies are urged to be represented by delegates, and if the society receiving this notice is not a member, it can become a member by mailing check for the annual dues, $1.00, to the secretary.

All societies are asked to remit their annual dues for the year 1924* without delay. For, though there is a small balance in the treasury, the proceedings of the Columbus Conference must be printed and mailed to all, and it may be practicable to publish also the long-delayed Handbook of Historical Societies, for which data have been coming in freely from both the United States and Canada.

The program at Richmond will include a very complete discussion of Historical Museums, with a paper by Lawrence Vail Coleman, secretary of the American Association of Museums.

JOSEPH SCHAFER,

Secretary.

*Those societies that have already paid dues for 1924 will disregard this request.